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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN,

Overseer of the Poor,

TREASURER FOR FUNDING THE TOWN DEBT,

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CEMETERY,

Sexton of The Cemetery, and Auditors

OF THE

TOWN OF CAMPTON,

FOR THE

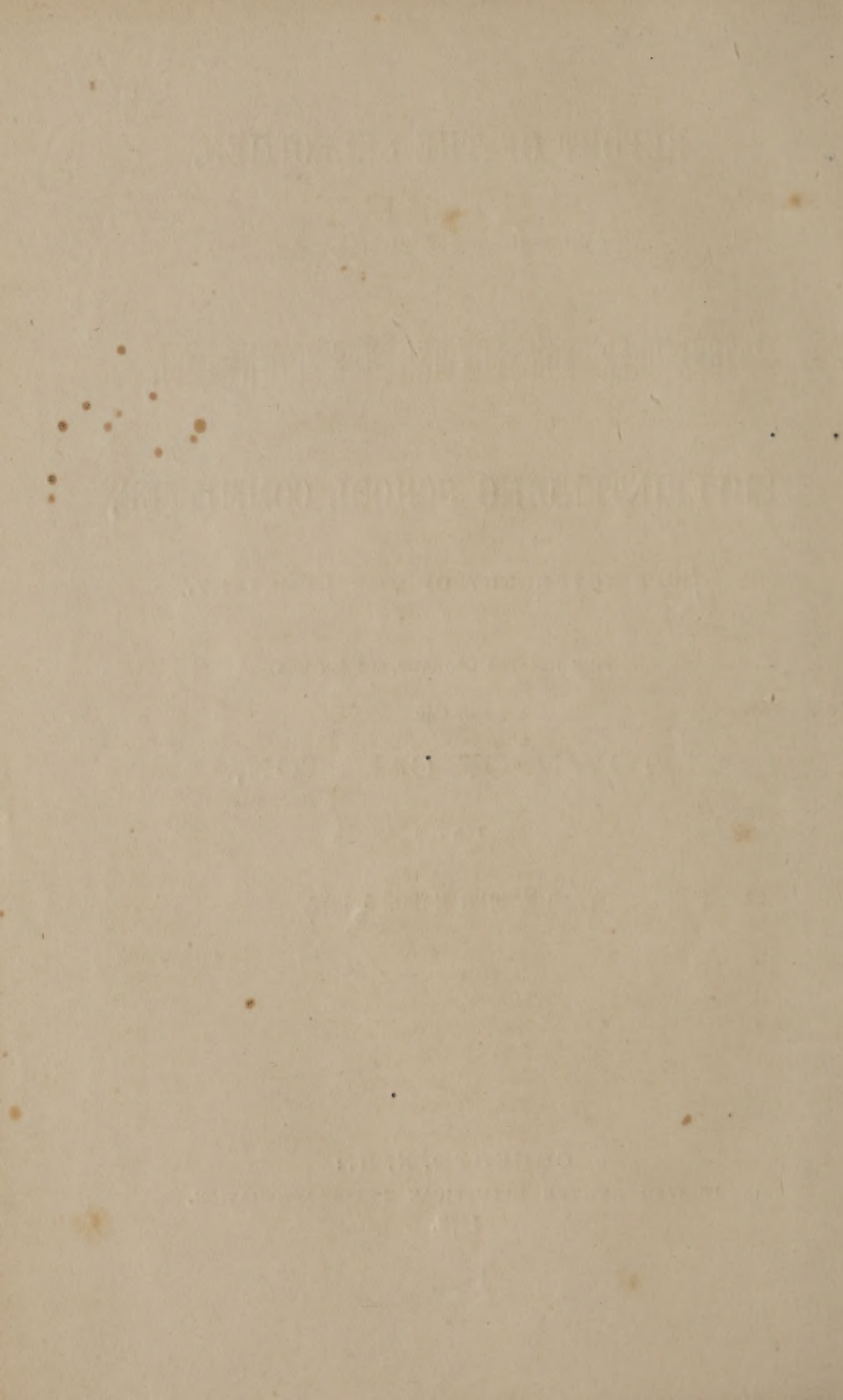
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1873.

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REPORT.

1872.		<i>Town of Campton.</i>	Cr.
Mar. 1.	By	Cash in the treasury,	\$1,643.16
		Lease money,	30.32
21.		Cash of A. Darling & J. Downing,	10.63
30.		Sarah T. Leavitt, gave note,	270.00
April 5.		Edson P. Hart, “	100.00
		Henry Flint, “	50.00
12.		C. A. Boynton, “	66.10
24.		I. L. Adams, “	100.00
May 10.		Jane Chase, “	100.00
13.		Moses W. Merrill, “	50.00
21.		Stickney, Smith & Swett,	1,500.00
24.		Eliza Glines, gave note,	20.00
28.		S. N. Stickney,	1,372.09
June 18.		B. L. Hill, gave notes,	1,200.00
		Daniel C. Hill, gave note,	300.00
		State treasurer,	83.33
		“ State bonds,	9,000.00
22.		A. A. Marden, gave note,	300.00
29.		Frank P. Hart, “	300.00
		Allen Willey, “	74.00
July 8.		Dustin Moulton, “	30.00
Aug. 3.		Lula L. Mitchell, “	200.00
		A. A. Marden, “	500.00
17.		L. D. Moulton, “	80.00
27.		Moses Spokesfield, “	200.00
Sept. 10.		Emma G. Kelley, “	91.08
11.		Joseph Cook,	251.18
17.		Everett K. Avery,	11.00
		Ruth M. Avery,	11.00
24.		Abigail V. Avery, gave note dated Aug. 3, 1872,	122.00
		Mary E. Blair, gave note dated Sept. 13, 1872,	50.00

Oct.	2.	By cash of John McDonald, gave note,	283.20
	11.	Caroline Holmes, " State treasurer, interest on bonds,	225.70
	19.	Susan Hodgdon, gave note,	270.00
	26.	Moses W. Merrill, " A. H. Lougee, " Edwin B. Foss, " Jane Chase, "	714.15
Dec.	11.		60.00
	14.		25.00
	1873.		50.00
Jan.	15.	State treasurer, interest on bonds,	50.00
	18.	Louisa A. Eaton, gave note, Susan Hodgdon, " E. Dole, for centennial reports,	270.00
Feb.	1.	John Kennedy, gave note,	50.00
	5.	Moses Spokesfield, " David M. Moses, " Ladies' Association, " State treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	28.20
	8.		750.00
	10.		125.00
			392.20
			126.70
			52.54
			1.75
	13.	Lyman Avery, gave note,	300.00
	21.	Mrs. Nath'l Moses, gave note, " " Maria Moses, " C. W. Cook, collector in 1867,	600.00
			125.00
			100.00
	27.	I. L. Adams, for lumber, A. H. Cook, for lumber, Langdon Foss, gave note,	.60
			4.00
			11.75
			315.61
Feb.	28.	Mary A. McGrath, " David B. Pulsifer, " J. Cook, collector in 1869,	107.90
			900.00
			120.16
			230.97
			161.97
			1,113.00
		Assessment for 1872,	8,955.32

\$34,938.37

1872.		<i>Town of Campton.</i>	Dr.
Mar.	6.	To paid B. B. Southmayd's bill,	\$5.00
	9.	F. S. Batchelder's bill,	5.00
	11.	Stephen Leavitt, on note dated April 11, 1870,	3.00
	14.	Literary and lease money,	135.00
	14.	C. A. Webster, on note dated March 10, 1869,	30.00
	15.	J. M. Hart, on note dated April 11, 1870,	200.00
	16.	Weare Leavitt, work on highway,	5.75
	21.	Express bill,	.60
	22.	Phebe Clark, note dated Aug. 12, 1867,	65.43
		Phebe Clark, note dated Mar. 7, 1868,	63.28
		Phebe Clark, note dated June 11, 1869,	117.62
	23.	Republican Press Association, reports,	67.00
	29.	Express bill,	.35
April	2.	A. Colley's note dated Aug. 2, 1866,	249.32
		S. T. Leavitt's note dated May 30, 1867,	279.39
	5.	Mason & Fox, bill of stationery,	1.00
	13.	E. Glines, on note dated March 28, 1868,	12.36
	26.	Hannah Adams, on note dated Sept. 28, 1868,	75.00
May	4.	M. B. Avery, plank bill,	2.50
	8.	A. F. Pike, in full, for legal ser- vices,	95.00
		Stephen Leavitt, on note dated April 11, 1870,	25.00
	14.	For perambulating town line,	2.25
	16.	F. H. Drew, per order of Daniel Blaisdell,	100.00
	18.	J. S. Bump's note dated, July 11, 1864,	208.52

May 27.	To paid J. W. Preston, for return of births,	1.00
28.	Damage to sheep by dogs,	69.70
	S. N. Stickney, received note,	1,000.00
June 11.	J. M. Hart's note dated Sept. 20,	
	1869,	263.81
	T. J. Sanborn, for postage stamps,	2.00
18.	B. L. Hill, two notes dated July	
	12, 1866,	1,209.28
	B. L. Hill, note dated April 2,	
	1867,	135.53
	Daniel C. Hill, note dated May	
	11, 1867,	161.58
	State bonds on hand,	9,000.00
20.	J. W. Johnson, work on highway,	23.15
26.	J. Morrison's note dated Sept.	
	14, 1865,	210.74
29.	Baptist Society, on note dated	
	May 19, 1869,	13.09
	J. L. Straw, for breaking roads,	7.70
	D. M. Piper, " "	3.00
June 29.	In full, J. M. Hart's note of April	
	11, 1870,	171.63
July 1.	V. Bass's bill of blanks,	9.25
	Coupons on town bonds,	492.48
11.	D. Moulton, for ballot-box,	1.50
	C. M. Bartlett, for support of	
	poor,	100.00
Aug 3.	S. York, indorsed on note dated	
	Aug. 3, 1870,	49.44
15.	S. Leavitt, on note dated April	
	12, 1870,	25.00
Sept. 10.	J. E. Hill's note dated July 8,	
	1870,	51.08
12.	W. Cox, on note dated Dec. 2,	
	1869,	10.00
24.	Nancy York, on note dated Nov.	
	18, 1870,	50.00
Oct. 2.	J. McDonald's note,	283.20
	C. A. Webster, on note dated	
	March 10, 1869,	110.00

Oct.	3.	To paid C. S. & H. L. Smith's note dated Oct. 11, 1866,	70.85
		C. S. Ward's note dated Oct. 20, 1869,	287.20
	11.	C. O. Stickney's note dated July 2, 1869,	90.80
		M. E. Stickney's note dated Nov. 1, 1869,	89.05
		M. E. Stickney's note dated Sept. 11, 1869,	53.34
		C. Holmes's note dated Feb. 10, 1866,	184.44
		J. Holmes's note dated April 23, 1867,	41.26
		A. Robie, for work in E. P. Hart's district,	70.05
		B. W. Sanborn, for pamphlet laws,	.75
Oct.	11.	Express bill,	.45
		Asa Fowler, for legal services,	2.00
	19.	Susan Hodgdon's note,	662.90
Nov.	5.	M. & D. Foss, bill of plank,	2.62
		C. Holmes's note dated April 2, 1866,	219.14
	7.	County tax,	1,206.68
Dec.	7.	A. Dearborn, on note dated Oct. 1, 1872,	25.00
		Insurance assessment,	11.26
	11.	Express bill,	.50
	27.	D. G. Burns, on note dated July 11, 1868,	200.00
	1873.		
Jan.	3.	State tax,	756.00
		Express bill,	.50
	6.	Estate of Joseph Morrison, three notes dated Sept. 24, Oct. 20, 1866, and July 26, 1867,	595.06
	7.	Coupons on town bonds,	482.88
	18.	On J. Morrison's note dated May 28, 1869,	100.00

Jan. 18.	To paid J. Adams, on note dated Feb. 11, 1871,	100.00
	L. Leavitt's note, dated April 12, 1870,	21.76
	W. Dearborn, water-trough,	3.00
	M. Spokesfield, work on road,	12.55
	W. G. Brown's bill,	12.84
	Nicholas Brown's bill,	4.00
	John Southmayd, work on bridge,	20.00
	Webster, Hull & Co., stationery,	.96
20.	J. F. Elliott's note, dated Nov. 18, 1871,	107.41
25.	C. Swett and others, work on Swett bridge,	76.20
	L. G. Smith, work on highway,	2.00
	J. L. Straw, for breaking roads,	16.50
	E. Willey, breaking roads in 1872,	11.10
	E. Willey, breaking roads, and timber,	24.40
	C. G. Webster, breaking roads in 1871 and 1872,	6.60
	J. Elliott, school-house tax,	216.00
	J. F. Merrill, for breaking roads,	16.75
	S. T. Page, non-resident receipts,	9.00
	Thomas Bartlett's bill,	3.31
	A. Keniston's bill,	3.70
	G. T. C. Smith, abatement on horses,	1.45
Jan. 27.	T. S. Pulsifer, on note, dated March 1, 1872,	500.00
	D. G. Burns, on note, dated July 11, 1868,	300.00
Feb. 1.	H. M. Crowell, breaking roads in 1872,	13.90
	H. H. Southmayd, non-resident receipts,	7.20
	Warren Damon's bill,	2.00
	H. H. Southmayd, for work on highway,	4.05
	M. & D. Foss, bill of plank,	3.74
	F. & J. D. Morse, bill of plank,	7.33

Feb.	1.	To paid I. L. Adams, plank bill and work on highway,	18.05
		G. W. Merrill, plank bill and work of oxen,	62.42
		D. Blaisdell, work on road, and abatement,	3.44
		E. P. Hart, work on road, and non-resident tax,	23.89
		Israel Mitchell, breaking roads,	21.35
		George Leavitt, breaking roads, and plank,	18.04
		H. O. Berry, breaking roads in 1872 and 1873,	54.92
		N. B. Crowell, abatement, over taxed,	4.00
		F. S. Batchelder, abatement, horse lost,	1.45
		A. S. Webber's note, dated March 1, 1867,	28.20
		W. H. Berry, breaking roads in 1872 and 1873,	30.69
		G. W. Plummer, breaking roads,	3.60
		D. A. Webber, work on road, and abatement,	2.79
		W. H. Berry, abatement on horse,	.70
		Luther Osgood, plank bill,	4.98
		H. F. Morrill, abatement, over-taxed,	7.20
	5.	M. Spokesfield's note, dated Feb. 5, 1870,	780.17
		J. W. Johnson, work on road,	11.55
	7.	Nancy York's note, dated Nov. 18, 1870,	62.68
	8.	C. G. Webster's note, dated March 1, 1872,	105.50
		J. H. Calden, work on road and breaking road,	10.00
		W. P. Garland, plow broke,	3.00
		D. M. Moses's note, dated Feb. 23, 1872,	105.75
		N. Brown, for breaking roads,	3.87

Feb.	8.	To paid C. M. Bartlett, plank bill,	4.51
		B. B. Southmayd, for breaking roads,	2.00
		E. R. Homan, for breaking road,	2.00
		George Smith, for breaking roads,	3.60
		J. M. Moses, " "	4.30
		W. H. Brown, for plank and breaking roads,	26.81
		W. Brown, for breaking roads,	27.80
		Wm. Brown, plank bill and non-resident tax,	7.82
		E. Willey, for breaking roads,	22.15
		C. C. Taylor, work on road and breaking roads,	10.00
		Luther Osgood, plank bill,	5.91
		Abatement of J. Scales's tax, in part,	3.30
		J. Cook, on note, dated June 10, 1871,	600.00
		L. D. Glover, services as town-clerk,	25.50
		J. E. Hill, work on road, and non-resident tax,	12.93
		J. C. Blair, for work on highway,	32.75
		C. W. Cook's bill,	3.93
		A. Robie, work on road, and non-resident tax,	41.52
		E. M. Smith, work on road and breaking roads,	11.35
		C. Calden, work on highway,	6.15
	10.	J. M. Pulsifer, interest on note, dated Feb. 10, 1872,	96.00
		Note, Ladies' Association, dated Feb. 10, 1872,	381.60
	13.	L. Avery's note, dated Jan. 11, 1866,	302.32
	17.	A. H. Lougee's note, dated Oct. 26, 1872,	25.46
	19.	I. T. Wallace's note, dated Oct. 30, 1869,	908.90

Feb. 19.	To paid Wm. Thornton, for water-trough,	1.50
	Hardy Merrill, " "	3.00
	C. P. Leavitt, for breaking roads in 1872,	5.30
21.	Mrs. M. Moses's, note dated May 6, 1867,	841.07
	Quincy Blakely, school committee and notices,	51.00
	Allen Willey, for water-trough,	3.00
	N. Marsh, abatement, cow lost,	.70
	J. S. Avery, for breaking roads and non-resident tax,	14.00
	J. S. Avery, plank bill,	12.25
	M. W. Merrill, for breaking roads,	5.30
25.	A. W. Silver, for clearing snow from Elliott bridge,	3.50
	Wellman Cook, for work on highway,	9.45
	14 school districts,	1,200.00
27.	A. H. Cook, bill of lumber,	123.08
	Langdon Foss, three notes,	315.61
	Estate of E. Durgin, for water- trough,	3.00
	Stephen Avery, for water-trough,	3.00
	Elkins Willey, for breaking roads,	14.75
	H. H. Southmayd, " "	22.88
	D. C. Hill, " "	11.17
	H. G. Coffin, breaking roads, and land damage,	22.70
	John Southmayd, work on highway,	3.00
	Wm. Southmayd, abatement, over- taxed,	29.30
	J. S. Avery, breaking roads,	9.80
	Davis Percival, plank bill,	1.50
	C. M. Bartlett, use of water-trough,	1.50
	" " services overseer of poor,	37.00
	I. L. Adams, abatements, non-resi- dent lands,	13.40
	Non-resident receipts,	49.68

Feb. 27.	To paid T. P. Clark, work on highway, and non-resident tax,	10.10
	Betsey Farrar, one year's interest on note,	6.00
	B. F. Stickney, work non-resident tax,	1.35
	T. J. Sanborn, services as select- man,	108.00
	T. J. Sanborn, services as treasurer,	30.00
	“ cash paid out,	10.50
	S. J. Sanborn, for breaking roads,	4.55
	J. F. Smith, “	8.23
	I. L. Adams, services as selectman,	83.00
	“ cash paid out,	5.00
	Abatements,	85.41
28.	14 school districts, lease and fund,	175.50
	G. W. Keniston, treasurer, fund- ing town debt,	5.00
	A. Robie, breaking roads,.	9.70
	“ services as selectman,	72.75
	“ cash paid out,	7.00
	I. L. Adams, collector,	100.00
	D. B. Pulsifer, breaking roads,	16.88
	J. H. Calden, “	4.50
	Mary A. McGrath's note,	107.90
	D. B. Pulsifer, four notes,	884.33
	A. Robie, abatement, cow lost,	.75
	S. T. Page, breaking roads, and plank,	31.12
	T. S. Pulsifer, work on road,	5.90
	G. S. Little's bill,	37.70
	Abatement, A. W. Silver, over-taxed,	10.00
	J. Cook, abatement for 1869,	46.16
	Abatement of taxes in 1870,	67.97
	“ 1871,	84.97
	H. H. Southmayd and others, on Livermore bridge,	827.61
	Non-resident highway tax,	7.20
	C. Cutter and E. Dole, auditors,	4.00
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		\$31,470.38

Uncollected taxes,	\$1,300.00
Cash on hand,	2,167.99
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	\$34,938.37
Indebtedness of the town, notes due,	43,741.08
Due on town bonds,	4,842.24
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	\$48,583.32

Resources of the Town.

Uncollected taxes for the year 1869,	\$67.17
“ “ 1870,	138.64
“ “ 1871,	511.70
“ “ 1872,	1,300.00
Due the town for sale of town farm,	1,592.51
Due from Luther Osgood,	16.71
Due from H. H. Southmayd,	55.66
Due from Osmønd C. Foss,	100.07
Cash on hand,	2,167.99
State bonds on hand,	9,000.00
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	\$14,950.45

Leaving the indebtedness of the town,	<hr/>
	\$33,632.87

School Money.

	\$48,583.32
Paid as follows: District No. 1,	\$51.08
“ 2,	178.47
“ 3,	143.53
“ 4,	131.64
“ 5,	59.19
“ 6,	88.88
“ 7,	61.31
“ 8,	79.22
“ 9,	90.93
“ 10,	63.96
“ 11,	65.09
“ 12,	91.65
“ 13,	43.95
“ 14,—Union,	51.10
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	\$1,200.00

Paid Lease and Literary Fund money as follows :

Thirteen districts,	\$169.00
Union district,	6.50
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	\$175.50

THOMAS J. SANBORN,	} <i>Selectmen of Campton.</i>
ISAAC L. ADAMS,	
ARCHIE ROBIE,	

Campton, Feb. 28, 1873.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES CUTTER,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
ERASTUS DOLE,	

REPORT of the Treasurer of the Committee for Funding the Town Debt of Campton.

Amount of money received of Town Treasurer :

1872.		
July 2.	Received of T. J. Sanborn,	\$492.48
1873.		
Jan. 7.	Received of T. J. Sanborn,	\$482.88
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	Amount received,	\$975.36

Amount paid out :

Paid for coupons which became due July 1, 1872,	\$492.48
1873.	
Paid for coupons which became due Jan. 1, 1873,	\$482.88
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Amount paid out,	\$975.36
Amount received,	975.36

GEORGE W. KENISTON,
*Treasurer of the Committee for Funding
the town debt of Campton.*

February 28, 1873.

February 28, 1873. Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correctly cast and the charges properly vouched for.

I. L. ADAMS,
T. J. SANBORN,
*Auditors of the Report of Treasurer
for funding the town debt.*

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Town of Campton in account with C. M. Bartlett, Cr.

1872.

Mar. 1.	By balance of last year's account,	\$20.57
June 3.	cash of the County of Belknap for the support of H. N. Smith,	165.00
July 18.	cash of Town Treasurer,	100.00
Oct. 12.	" County Treasurer, on order,	100.00
Nov. 7.	" " "	110.55
	" Isaac L. Adams, administra- tor on the Cram estate,	175.74

1873.

Feb. 7.	By cash of Quincy Blakely, for cow sold,	25.00
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\$696.86

Town of Campton in account with C. M. Bartlett, Dr.

1872. Paid—

May 4.	Dr. E. B. Buxton, medical attendance on H. N. Smith,	\$3.00
7.	Dr. Wm. A. Smith, do., do.,	54.00
8.	Jason Clark, for support of Almira Palmer,	19.50
22.	Mrs. R. J. Morse, for nursing Mrs. E. M. . Moulton,	4.00
23.	O. & J. Rowe, as per bill,	6.00

May	24.	Dr. E. B. Buxton, medical attendance on Mrs. Cram,	24.00
June	3.	B. B. Southmayd, for support of H. N. Smith,	108.00
	8.	Willard Sanborn, support of Mrs. Moses Cram,	73.50
		Town clerk of Woodstock, for copy of record,	.30
	10.	" Bridgewater,	.50
	27.	" Bath,	1.00
July	8.	" Benton,	1.00
	18.	Mrs. Annis, for nursing Frank A. Morse,	15.00
		Mrs. Morse, support of "	13.50
		Dr. T. Rogers, medical attendance on Frank A. Morse,	20.00
Aug.	6.	John T. Cutter & Sons, for coffin, box, and robe for J. H. Morse,	17.00
	23.	Willard Sanborn, for support of Mrs. Cram, and nursing in last sickness,	48.50
		C. W. Cook, bill of goods for Mrs. Cram,	5.31
		A. W. Silver, " "	.45
	30.	R. J. Plummer, for coffin for "	10.00
		J. C. Blair, services as sexton at burial of Mrs. Cram,	2.50
		J. C. Blair, services as sexton at burial of J. H. Morse,	3.50
		Wm. P. Garland, digging grave for Mrs. Cram,	1.00
		Dr. Rogers, med. attendance on Mrs. Cram,	3.00
		" " J. H. Morse,	6.00
Sept.	20.	J. W. Morrison, bill for family of "	19.19
		" " F. A. Morse,	2.66
		C. W. Cook, for taking two affidavits,	1.00
	30.	Town clerk of Bridgewater, for copy of record,	.50
Nov.	5.	G. W. Merrill, for wood for Mrs. Morse,	7.70
		J. T. Rowe, for procuring physician for J. H. and F. A. Morse,	4.00
	6.	Jason Clark, for support of Almira Palmer,	19.50
		F. Bartlett, ticket for pleasure excursion,	.50

1873.

Feb. 1.	G. W. Merrill, for three cords of wood,	8.60
7.	Mason & Fox, barrel flour,	10.50
8.	C. W. Cook, for E. M. Moulton,	1.59
	J. W. Johnson, “	3.70
	S. Taylor, pr. boots “	5.50
11.	R. H. Avery, supplies “	12.50
	Dr. E. G. Guilford; medical attendance on Mary F. Whitney,	9.20
	Dr. E. G. Guilford, medical attendance on Mrs. E. M. Moulton,	2.00
	Dr. W. A. Smith, do. Mrs. E. M. Moulton,	1.25
	J. W. Morrison, supplies for Mrs. Morse,	11.95
15.	Mark Spokesfield, wood “	7.50
	Horace Sanborn, for support of Mrs. Hanscom,	10.00
	James Hart, for seven cords of wood,	24.50
26.	Stephen Avery, for pasturing cow,	5.00
	E. T. Whitney, for support of Mary F. Whitney,	52.00
	For postage and stationery,	2.25
	Cash paid out,	9.70
28.	Cash on hand to balance,	23.51
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		\$696.86

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

CHARLES CUTTER, }
ERASTUS DOLE, } *Auditors.*

Campton, Feb. 28, 1873.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERY.

Town of Campton in account with Gardner Little, Superintendent of Cemetery.

1872.		Dr.
May.	To Three days' work,	\$3.00
	Use of team,	1.00
	Manure for border,	1.00
June.	Three days' work,	3.00
	Seeds and plants,	1.50
July.	Work mowing avenues, and use of team,	2.00
Aug.	One day's work,	1.00
Sept.	Paid John G. Burbank for work, and avenues,	4.00
Nov.	One and one half day's work and use of team,	3.00
	Work and use of team,	1.00
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		\$20.50

Town of Campton in account with Gardner Little, Superintendent of Cemetery.

1872.		Cr.
	By balance due on last year's account,	\$15.10
June 13.	Cash of Isaac T. Johnson,	14.00
Sept. 6.	“ John G. Burbank,	4.00
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Jan. 3.	“ David F. Smith,	14.00
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		\$47.10
	Cash on hand,	26.60
	Number of lots sold during the year,	3
	Amount due on lots sold,—	
	Joseph B. Rowe,	15.00
	Elkins Willey,	9.00
	Mrs. J. Morse,	10.00
	Due from J. C. Thornton,	33.14
	There is due from J. C. Blair on account of cemetery,	188.10

REPORT OF SEXTON.

Number entombed and buried in cemetery,	36
Age under 5 years,	6
From 5 to 10,	1
10 " 20,	1
20 " 30,	4
30 " 40,	4
40 " 50,	3
50 " 60,	2
60 " 70,	2
70 " 80,	6
80 " 90,	5
90 " 100,	2

J. C. BLAIR, *Sexton*.

Campton, N. H., March 1, 1873.

SCHOOL REPORT.

T. J. SANBORN, I. L. ADAMS, and ARCHIE ROBIE,
Selectmen of Campton, N. H. :

GENTLEMEN: Having attended to the duties of School Committee, I beg leave to report.

The statistics required by law are here presented in a tabular form.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of District.	Prudential Committee.	Term of School, Sum. and Win.	Teachers.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of Scholars.	No. bet'n 4 and 14 not attending.	Number attending to Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	Composition.	History.	Book-keeping.	Other branches.
1	William Wallace.	1	Annie D. Huckins.	6	5		3	5	2	3				
2	C. W. Cook.	2	Ida A. Willoughby.	10	7		7	6	4	5				
		1	Louise Cochran.	8	27		16	19	5	8	5			
3	Charles Webster.	2	Louise Cochran.	12	28	2	13	22	5	9	5	1	1	1
		1	Flora E. Hoyt.	7.27	39	1	31	31	11	11				
4	Mark Spokesfield.	2	M. Nellie Stevens.	10	36		32	12	9	8	8	8	3	4
		1	Louise V. George.	8	23		8	13	3	8	3			1
5	Israel Mitchell.	2	Frank H. Rollins.	9.09	22		19	18	7	10				
6	S. T. Page.	1	Nettie F. Mitchell.	11.81	11		10	10	7	8	8	6	1	
		1	Ada E. Howe.	8	11		5	9	4	4				
7	N. B. Crowell.	2	Ada E. Howe.	7	8	3	4	7	4	6				
		1	A. L. Blaisdell.	6	17		10	10						
8	William P. Garland.	2	Clara Osgood.	6	21		15	15	4	2				
		1	N. Ella Wilkinson.	6	22	1	4	10	5	5		1		
9	L. S. Hanaford.	2	Mary L. Smith.	8	25		12	16	6	4				
10	C. A. Whidden.	1	Hattie E. Brock.	14	16		15	15	6	9		2	1	
		1	N. Ella Wilkinson.	6	9		9	9	2	4		1		
11	Daniel Brown.	2	N. Ella Wilkinson.	8	7		4	7	3	3				
12	John Southmayd.	1	O. E. Kingsbury.	12	32	2	16	23	3	14				
		1	Angie B. Smith.	8	14		10	13	3	7	4			
13	Archie Robie.	2	Annie E. Ellison.	8	25	2	17	24	4	11				
14	Thomas Bartlett.	1	Flora Elliott.	10	19		16	16	4	6			3	
		1	Ara L. Foss.	7.27	16	2	11	13	3	7		1		
		2	L. May Wilkinson.	8.18	13		11	1	4					

Reading and spelling have been attended to by all the pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss H. fully maintained the good reputation she had gained in this district in former terms. Scholars few in number ; studious ; deportment good. Miss W., a young, promising teacher ; seems to enjoy the business ; met with encouraging success ; gave general satisfaction. School made good improvement ; was prolonged somewhat by contribution of board and fuel.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss C. had taught several terms in different schools in town to the general satisfaction of her patrons, and the same may be said of her efforts in this school. Excellent order prevailed in school, and commendable progress in knowledge noticed.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss H. brings to the work an extensive experience, which, with her promptness and energy, enables her to govern easily and communicate intelligently. Order good ; creditable improvement made. Miss S., an intelligent teacher ; earnest and patient ; has good ideas about teaching ; performs a great deal of labor in the school-room. I think if she would let her pupils do more in recitation and she less, it would be an improvement. Her standard of order is not high enough, provided she brought her school up to her standard ; still, it was a valuable term. It would have been gratifying to visitors at the examination if the pupils generally had spoken louder in their recitations. This district sustained a private school for eight weeks in the fall.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss G. taught here last winter term, and now, as then, appeared at home in the school-room, and thoroughly acquainted with the business in hand. The results attained,

highly satisfactory. Mr. R. is a very enterprising teacher ; was eminently successful in this his first school ; practical and accurate in his teaching. The older scholars, especially, derived much profit from his instruction. A very scanty supply of blackboard here.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

A school of ten boys and one girl. It is rarely that one, especially so young, succeeds so admirably in her own district as Miss M. did. She had but recently been a pupil in this school. She was a good pupil, and has proved herself a good teacher, securing the confidence of her scholars as well as of their parents. Instruction thorough ; an excellent examination.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss H. loses none of her interest in her vocation, and, as heretofore, proved herself worthy of the confidence reposed in her. While this school appeared well in all their studies, they exhibited an acquaintance with map-drawing not usual in our schools. Would that this science might be studied and this art practised in all our school.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

This was Miss B.'s first term of teaching. The degree of success she attained was such as ought to encourage her to continue in this noble work. This short experience would be of great value to her in future efforts. School quiet, and made commendable advance. Miss O. has had a large experience in teaching, and the results of this term showed that she had made good use of it. School appeared well ; general satisfaction given. The school-house in this district is very nearly in the condition of the boy's jack-knife, which needed a new blade and a new handle.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss W.'s success fully justified the prudential committee in engaging her for this her second term in this district. Miss S. is an earnest, conscientious, and laborious worker in the school-room. During the first six weeks of the term matters seemed to move on harmoniously, satisfactorily, and profitably; but during the last two weeks, for some cause, the tide was turned, and the school was not very profitable. The responsibility for this failure was chargeable, probably, to some of the older scholars quite as much as to the teacher, and perhaps some outsiders were equally censurable. The blackboard not worth a copper.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss B. had never taught before. It was a little hazardous, perhaps, in one so young and inexperienced undertaking this school in the winter term, which is not so easily managed as some of the schools in town. She is intelligent, and possesses good executive ability, and her success was very gratifying. Some of the scholars in this school ought to improve in their habits of study, as well as in their attendance at school, while others, in these respects, are deserving much commendation. Irregularity of attendance is a serious hindrance to progress.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

This school had the advantage of being under the care of the same teacher both terms, and one who had taught other schools in town. She met with her usual success. Scholars orderly and studious.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Only one term of 12 weeks, which is, without doubt, better than two terms of six weeks each. It was Mr. K.'s first school. It is to be hoped that the disadvantages of a poor

school-house, and a school poorly supplied with text-books, will not discourage him from further attempts at teaching. His discipline and methods of instruction are good. Scholars interested in their studies, and made good improvement. The school-house here is akin to that in No. 7.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Miss S. is an experienced teacher, well qualified for the work. Results reached, highly creditable both to teacher and pupils. Miss E. followed in the winter term, and rendered important assistance to her scholars in their well directed efforts to acquire knowledge. Her patrons showed their appreciation of her services by continuing the school two weeks by private subscription.

DISTRICT No. 13.

It would be difficult to give an adequate idea of the disadvantages Miss E. labored under, to any one who has never been inside of the school-house in this district. The school is altogether better than the house—especially in cold weather. They deserve better accommodations. Order was good. The interest manifested by the scholars in their studies, commendable, both to them and the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Miss F., accurate in knowledge, thorough in instruction, maintained order and quiet. An efficient teacher; a profitable school. Miss W. has some good qualifications for a teacher; more age and experience would increase her usefulness. The school under her management appeared very well. The classes, in mental arithmetic especially, acquitted themselves with much credit.

Prudential committees, perhaps, without exception, have exhibited a commendable degree of interest in the work en-

trusted to them. They have exercised care in the selection of teachers ; have aimed to use the school money to the best advantage. I know not that unfaithfulness or sinister motives in the discharge of the duties of their office can be justly charged upon any of them, save it may be a neglect on the part of some to visit the school. It doubtless would have been better, in some instances, to have engaged better qualified teachers, even at an increased expense.

Teachers, generally, have been patient, earnest, and persevering in their arduous work ; and very much well directed effort has been put forth, and gratifying results reached. And still our schools have not been all that could be desired. They have fallen short of our ideal of what they ought to be. Notwithstanding their imperfections, they have been of great value. Perhaps the \$1300 expended for their maintenance has resulted in as much real advantage as any like sum expended for any other purpose under the supervision of the town. It is good policy, because just and useful, for every town to provide equal advantages for the common school education of all the children within its limits. My own opinion is, that this trust should be accepted by the State—that is, the State should provide equal advantages for the common school education of all the children in the State. But the present policy is to let each school district look after its own interest in this respect. The result is, that the children residing in one district can have a chance at school for only ten or twelve weeks during the year, while those residing in another district can have eighteen or twenty weeks at school, though the people in each district are taxed for schools equally or in proportion to their property. This disparity of school advantage could be remedied, in part, by distributing the school money on a different basis—a larger proportion of it equally among the districts. It might be well to allow pupils in one district, during the recess of school in that dis-

trict, to attend school, free of expense, in any adjoining district. I would suggest to districts Nos. 5 and 6 that it would be wise for them to arrange to have school in only one of the districts at the same time, and allow the scholars of both districts to attend both schools. I would make the same suggestion to districts Nos. 8 and 10, and also Nos. 7 and 11. What would be better still for Nos. 7 and 11 would be to unite, sell their school-houses, and build one somewhere between these two.

One hindrance to the highest success of our schools is want of money. The whole amount of money appropriated for schools in town is not equal to the present salary of one of our Campton boys teaching in an adjoining State, who taught in town in 1869 for \$24 per month, including board. We have 14 districts and only about \$1,300 of school money, averaging less than \$93 to a district. The average wages, including board, last year, was \$7.41 per week. We can have, then, an average school, an average teacher, at least, for 12.5 weeks during the year. If our 360 scholars could all be in one graded school, it would be better than now. If this were the arrangement, and there was an average teacher for every 40 pupils, we could have a school for 19 weeks in the year. Our State Normal School had, during the last school year of 30 weeks, 322 different pupils in both departments, the normal and model, and one of their six regular teachers received a salary of one half more than the whole amount appropriated in town for our 360 scholars. We might increase the length of our schools in weeks by shortening the week itself, as it is said a certain society increased the salary of their minister, adding \$200 thereto, and increasing the rent of the parsonage the same amount; or we could lengthen our schools by employing cheaper teachers. We laugh at the man who, being sick, went to an apothecary and called for the cheapest pills he had. It is a ruinous pol-

icy for prudential committees to employ cheaper teachers with the view of lengthening the school. Better, by far, to employ better teachers, even if thereby the term is shortened—make up in quality what is lost in quantity. It is also poor policy to employ incompetent teachers, and thereby virtually compel some of the older and more advanced scholars to remain at home, who would otherwise attend. Superior teachers are very scarce and difficult to be obtained, as many a prudential committee can testify. Those the best qualified and most successful are called to more remunerative fields. If a farmer hires a boy to help him on his farm because he cannot afford to hire a man, he must expect a boy's work, and ought to be content with a boy's experience and a boy's judgment.

Citizens can do much to improve the schools, to enhance their value, by sympathy and moral support of the teacher, and by encouraging words to pupils as occasion offers. It becomes us to do the best we can under the circumstances. Always aim to secure competent teachers, furnish them with all needed appliances, pleasant school-rooms, well warmed and ventilated, ample supply of blackboards, maps, globes, charts, &c., aid them in every way we can by our sympathy and coöperation and friendly criticism, privately, of course. We must expect to have young and inexperienced teachers. They will need the friendly counsel of parents. Such counsel may save teachers from many mistakes, indiscretions, and much annoyance, which are a great detriment to the school. Teachers should always seek such counsel. Often the value of a school is very much depreciated by some little thing, some defect in the teacher's management, a little friction somewhere in the machinery, which might easily be corrected if the teacher only knew about it. Let no citizen withhold from the teacher such information, and be free to give the needed counsel in a friendly spirit.

A large majority of our teachers err in this—they prompt too much in recitation. A teacher may *tell* his scholars a great many truths about the sciences they are pursuing, and at the same time *teach* them but very little. The order in many of our schools is seriously defective, which is a great hindrance to the highest success. I know that many of our teachers govern their pupils as well, apparently, as they are governed at home. But this by no means controverts the statement that the order is defective. Some of our teachers err in not giving more attention to writing. We must not forget that a large majority of our children attend none other than the common school. A little much needed instruction in penmanship is of lasting value to the pupil. There is a disposition with some teachers to neglect the small scholars. They prefer to devote their attention mainly to the older and more advanced, but they should be equitable, neglecting none. The questions in the back part of the Register should *all* be answered. A *few* of the teachers have done this. A blank or a “Don’t know” is a defective return. Answers to these questions have to be reported to State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Teachers can easily ascertain by inquiring of the prudential committees, or otherwise, what answers should be given, when it might cost the school committee considerable travel to ascertain the correct answer.

Teachers’ certificates are obtained from three sources—at the State Normal School, the county Institutes, and of the school committee of the town. Prudential committees must not infer, because a person holds a certificate, that necessarily he will answer their purpose. He may not be of sufficient age, or experience, possess sufficient executive ability, or he may be unacquainted with certain branches to be taught. The first course at the Normal School does not embrace

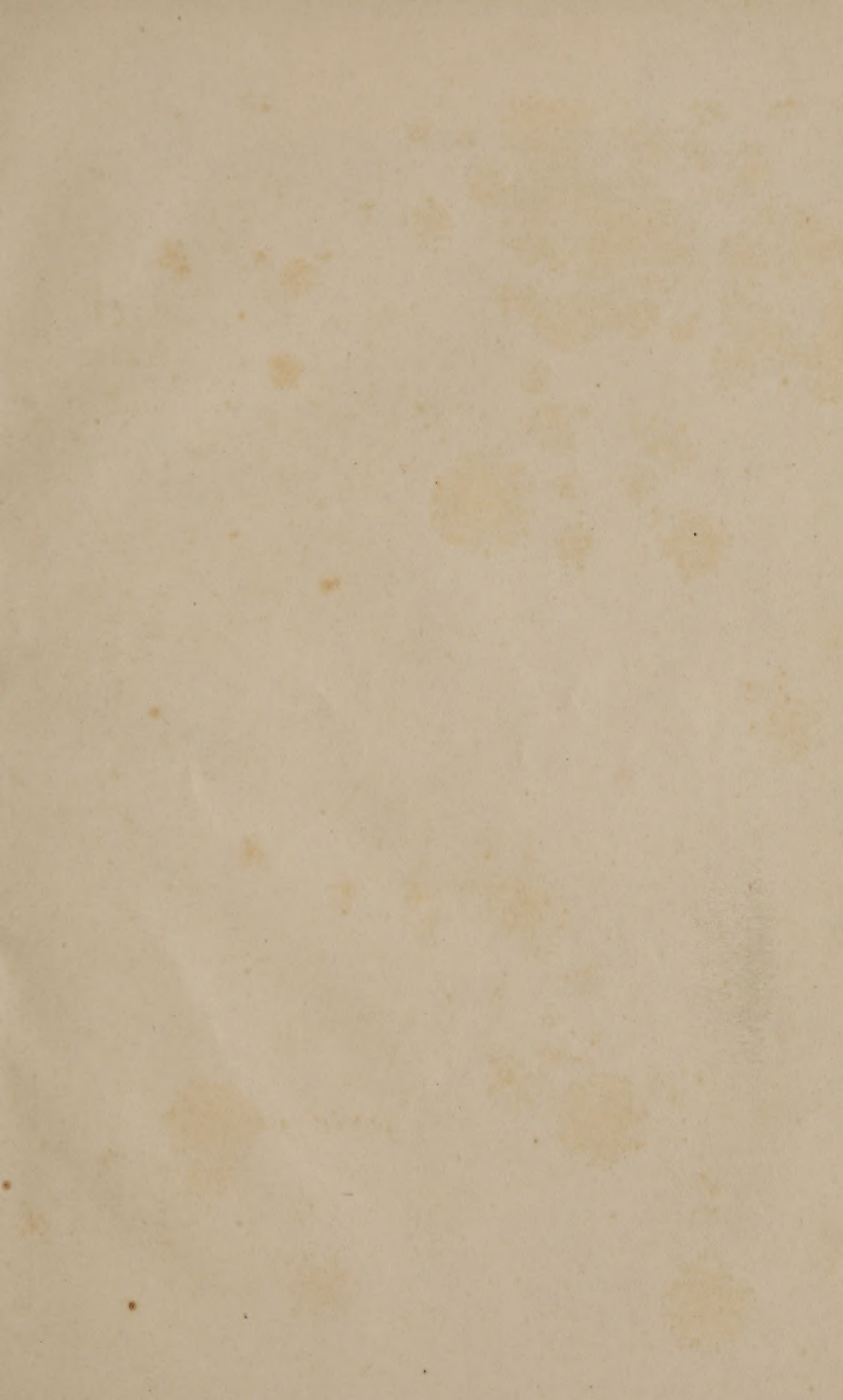
some of the branches which have been taught in some of our schools for years.

There are persistent efforts made by a few teachers to shorten the school week fully 9 per cent. and over, from that which custom has approved from time immemorial. Guard against this innovation. I see no good reason for the change.

Respectfully submitted.

QUINCY BLAKELY, *School Committee.*

Campton, N. H., Feb. 28, 1873.



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